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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 20 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Briefing by Mr. Norbert Holl, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan

Haiti (S/1996/813 and Add.1*)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 61st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/108) [18 (h)].

2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies [41]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/512);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.20).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 18th meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [86] (A/51/98-S/1996/270; A/51/130; A/C.4/51/L.9, A/C.4/51/L.10*)

2. Activities of foreign economic and other interests which impede the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination [89]: Amendment A/C.4/51/L.2; draft resolution (A/51/23 (Part III), chap. V, para. 12)

3. Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration (item 19): draft decision (A/51/23 (Part III), chap. VI, para. 11)

4. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [90]: draft resolution (A/51/23 (Part IV), chap. VII, para. 16)

5. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]

   Questions of American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena, Tokelau, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the United States Virgin Islands: Amendments A/C.4/51/L.11; draft resolution (A/51/23 (Part VI), chap. X, para. 17)

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/51/L.2 (item 12), A/C.2/51/L.26 and A/C.2/51/L.28 (item 94 (b))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — closed meeting — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on draft proposals

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 45th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions: [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/C.3/51/9)

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/536, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1* and Add.2*, A/51/552, A/51/555, A/51/558, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/460, A/51/466, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538, A/51/556, A/51/557, A/51/651, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/51/663, A/51/665, A/483/Add.2, A/496/Add.1, A/51/80-S/1996/194), A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/C.3/51/8, A/C.3/51/10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/13)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/51/36)

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)

   Continuation of general discussion

6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.37 and L.38

7. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.33

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 46th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions: [110] (A/53/3 (Parts I and II), A/51/81, A/51/87, A/51/90, A/51/114, A/51/208-S/1996/543, A/51/210, A/51/462-S/1996/831, A/C.3/51/9)

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* To be issued.

2. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/51/201, A/51/395, A/51/453 and Add.1, A/51/457, A/51/480, A/51/506, A/51/536, A/51/539, A/51/542 and Add.1* and Add.2*, A/51/552, A/51/555, A/51/558, A/51/561, A/51/641, A/51/650, A/51/153, A/51/170, A/51/290, A/C.3/51/6)

3. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/51/347, A/51/459, A/51/460, A/51/466, A/51/478, A/51/479, A/51/481, A/51/483 and Add.1, A/51/490, A/51/496, A/51/507, A/51/538, A/51/556, A/51/557, A/51/651, A/51/657, A/51/660, A/51/663, A/51/665, A/483/Add.2, A/496/Add.1, A/51/80-S/1996/194), A/51/189, A/51/203-E/1996/86, A/51/204, A/51/271, A/51/532-S/1996/864, A/C.3/51/3, A/C.3/51/8, A/C.3/51/10, A/C.3/51/11, A/C.3/51/12, A/C.3/51/13)

4. Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (d)] (A/51/36)

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/51/36)

Continuation of general discussion

6. Advancement of Women [103]

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.21**

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.31

8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.23 and L.27

9. Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/51/L.32 and L.35/Rev.1

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 120 (Human Resources Management (A/C.5/49/63, A/C.5/49/64, A/C.5/50/64, A/C.5/51/1, A/C.5/51/3, A/C.5/51/6, A/C.5/51/7, A/51/304 and Corr.1 and A/51/421 and Corr.1))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 (A/C.5/50/57 and Add.1, A/50/7/Add.16 and A/51/7/Add.1))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 2

United Nations Decade of International Law [145] (A/51/278 and Add.1, A/C.6/51/ L.6,)

Informal consultations

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolutions concerning measures to eliminate international terrorism

WORKING GROUP OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Open-ended informal consultations

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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* Immediately following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Integrated Management Information System project

2. Financing of the International Tribunal: Former Yugoslavia

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVETRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC1-778

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 1996

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	56th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Non-governmental organizations [10] (E/1996/102, E/1996/L.57)
2. Elections [14] (E/1996/L.13/Add.3, E/1996/L.15/Add.3)
3. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions: follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: Business and development [6 (i)] (E/1996/106, E/1996/L.26/Rev.2*, E/1996/L.56)
4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields [13] (E/1996/97, E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1, CRP.5/Rev.1 and an informal paper on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 20 November 1996

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT: DRAFTING GROUPS 1 AND 2 OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: on trade and development and on a draft resolution on food and sustainable agricultural development)

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: on special session for the implementation of Agenda 21)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: on population)

10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST-BAN TREATY ORGANIZATION

First session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 4

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(Third Committee matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: core group of assistants on Habitat)

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(Second Committee matters: on current resolutions under negotiation)

6 p.m.-7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Briefings

A briefing by thePermanent Mission of Canada on the evolving crisis in Eastern Zaire, including the implementation of Security Council resolution 1080 (1996), will take place *today*, 20 November 1996, from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Mr. Juma, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity, will hold, *today*, 20 November 1996, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6, an informal briefing for delegations on the outcome of the third meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Buenos Aires from 4 to 15 November 1996. The informal briefing will be open to all delegations, media representatives, representatives of non-governmental organizations and members of the United Nations system.

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Presentation

Representatives from United Nations Delegations, United Nations Staff and non-governmental organizations are cordially invited to attend an informal presentation by Ms. Minhchau Nguyen, Manager, Gender Analysis and Policy, Poverty and Social Policy Department, *today*, 20 November 1996, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Publications will be made available.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors and all interested delegations on a draft resolution on the Convention on Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel under item agenda item 86 *today*, 20 November 1996, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room A.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 21 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [21]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/172-E/1996/77);

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: reports of the Secretary-General (A/51/213, A/51/303, A/51/315, A/51/326, A/51/353, A/51/356, A/51/464, A/51/528 and A/51/560);

(d) Assistance to the Palestinian People: report of the Secretary-General (A/51/171-E/1996/75).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	45th meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Immediately following the adjournment of the 45th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 21)

Delegations are reminded that informal consultations on draft proposals under item 21 and all its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Dr. Ernst Sucharipa (Austria) on Friday, 22 November 1996, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The list of speakers for the general debate (scheduled for 25 and 26 November 1996) of the Fourth Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction, to be held in Geneva (from 25 November to 6 December 1996) is open for inscription.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the BWC (Mr. Sola Ogunbanwo, Provi-sional Secretary-General of the Review Conference, BWC Secretariat, Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland (tel. : 022-9173644, fax: 022-9170296, room A-598)).

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee Matters)* on 21 and 22 November at 1.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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Briefing

The Chairperson of the Open-ended Working Group of the Commission on the Status of Women on the elaboration of a draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, Ms. Aloisa Wöergetter (Austria), will hold a briefing session on Friday, 22 November 1996, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Ms. Donna Sullivan (Centre for Women's Global Leadership) will be the speaker. All delegates, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Forum

The United Nations World Television Forum, jointly organized by the United Nations Department of Public Information with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy and RAI - Radiotelevisione Italiana, will take place 21 and 22 November 1996 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The opening session will take place at 10 a.m. on 21 November, with statements by the United Nations Secretary General, the President of the General Assembly and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy.

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Announcement

The Presidency of the Security Council will conduct an informal briefing on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council at *3 p.m.* on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of November, except on those days when no consultations of the whole of the Council are scheduled.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 18 November 1996

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective 0enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(c) *Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, made a presentation.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq, Mr. M. van der Stoel, made a presentation.

The representative of Iraq made a statement.

The Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in Rwanda, Mr. Rene Degni-Segui, made a presentation.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement.

Mr. Param Cumaraswamy, one of the Special Rapporteurs on independence of the judiciary and extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, made a report on the situation of human rights in Nigeria.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Mr. Bacre W. Ndiaye, made a presentation.

The Special Rapporteur responded to questions raised by the representatives of Cuba, Côte d'Ivoire and Nigeria.

In the general debate, statements were made by the representatives of Mauritania, United Arab Emirates, United States and Lebanon.

Organization of work

The Chairperson reported that the President had indicated there would be no extension of the work of the Main Committees beyond 29 November and she urged delegations to speed up negotiations and present their drafts in the course of the current week.

42nd meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(c) *Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(d) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the European Union, as well as the Czech Republic and Slovakia), Andorra, Chile, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Ukraine and China.

Advancement of women [103]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.17/Rev.1

The Chairperson announced that the revised draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Philippines further revised the text of the revised draft resolution and announced that Egypt, Fiji, Kyrgyzstan, Sri Lanka and Uruguay had joined as co-sponsors of the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised.

*Action on A/C.3/51/L.19**

The Chairperson announced that the draft resolution, as orally revised at the time of its introduction, contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of New Zealand, also on behalf of Canada and Australia, further orally revised the text of the draft resolution and announced that Albania, Andorra, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, the Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Ghana, Iceland, India, Italy, Jamaica, Kazakstan, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Malta, Niger, Niger, the Philippines, Singapore, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Philippines, the United Kingdom, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States had joined as co-sponsors.

Subsequently, Japan and Uganda joined as co-sponsors.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement informing the Committee that his delegation had not joined as a co-sponsor of the draft resolution at the time it was introduced.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.31

The representative of Namibia, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, France, Georgia, Guinea, Guyana, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mali, Mongolia, Peru, the Russian Federation, Seychelles, Thailand, the United Kingdom and Viet Nam introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of Djibouti made a statement in which he withdrew his delegation's co-sponsorship of the draft resolution.

Programme of Activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.30

The Chairperson announced that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of New Zealand read out the revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that the Congo, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands and the Philippines had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 107.

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.25

The Chairperson announced that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Egypt made a statement in which he announced that Japan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and Niger had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution, after which Kyrgyzstan and Andorra also joined as co-sponsors.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 138 to 2, with 11 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Israel and the United States.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Norway and Argentina.

Subsequently, the observer for Palestine made a statement.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-item 110 (a).

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.32

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Kyrgyzstan and Peru had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairperson announced that other statements in exercise of the right of reply would be made at the end of the 44th meeting.

It was announced that action would be taken on Wednesday, 20 November, on the following draft resolutions: A/C.3/51/L.21* (item 103), L.23 and L.27 (item 108), L.31 (item 106), L.32, (item 110 (a)).

It was also announced that the Committee would hear introductions of draft resolutions as follows: (a) L.34 and L.35 (110 (a)) on Tuesday, 19 November; (b) L.37 (item 106) and L.33 (item 110(a)) on Wednesday, 20 November.

Right of Reply

The representative of Algeria made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

Tuesday, 19 November 1996

SECURITY COUNCIL

3714th (closed) meeting

Recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations

The Security Council considered the question of the recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The Council had before it document S/1996/952, containing the text of a draft resolution submitted by Botswana, Chile, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Indonesia and the Russian Federation, which read as follows:

"*The Security Council*,

"*Having considered* the question of the recommendation for the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

"*Recommends* to the General Assembly that Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali be appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations for a second term of office from 1 January 1997 to 31 December 2001."

As a result of the voting taken by secret ballot, the draft resolution received 14 votes in favour, one vote against and no abstentions. Since the negative vote was cast by a permanent member, the draft resolution was not adopted.

The Council will continue its consultations on the matter.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

59th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Zaki, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations, and to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Paul J.F. Lusaka, former President of the General Assembly

The President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence in tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Zaki, Permanent Representative of Maldives to the United Nations, and to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Paul J.F. Lusaka, former President of the General Assembly.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Cameroon (on behalf of the African States), Lebanon (on behalf of the Asian States), The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Jamaica (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Belgium (on behalf of the Western European and other States) and the United States (as host country).

The representative of Maldives made a statement.

The representative of Zambia made a statement.

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General trans-

mitting the third annual report of the International Tribunal (A/51/292-S/1996/665) [50]

The General Assembly took note of the third annual report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia.

Mr. Antonio Cassese, President of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy, Austria, Ireland, Malaysia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Netherlands, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belgium, Turkey, the United States, Germany, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Slovenia.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 159 (Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion), originally scheduled for Tuesday, 19 November, was postponed to a later date to be announced.

The President also drew the attention of the Assembly to document A/INF/51/3/Rev.1/Add.2 which contained a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings for the remainder of November and the beginning of December 1996. The President further announced that the list of speakers for the items contained in document A/INF/51/3/Rev.1/Add.2 were open.

60th plenary meeting

Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual report of the International Tribunal (A/51/292-S/1996/665) [50]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Venezuela and Pakistan.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 50.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [30]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/380 and Add.1)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/51/L.8)*

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.8.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 477 (V) of 1 November 1950, the observer for the League of Arab States made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.8 (resolution 51/20).

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 30.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [40]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/338)

(b) Draft resolution (A/51/L.18)

The representative of Costa Rica (also on behalf of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.18.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Mexico, Chile, Japan, Uruguay, Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), by Mr. Francis Leblanc, member of the Parliament of Canada, and by the representatives of the United States and Belize.

The General Assembly was informed that, in order to allow the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee to review the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/51/L.18, action on draft resolution would be taken at a later date to be announced.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLINIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 17th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [86]

The general debate continued with statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Kuwait, Brazil, Canada, Togo, Romania, Viet Nam, Guatemala (also on behalf of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama), Qatar, India, Slovakia, Belarus, Argentina, Indonesia, Cuba, Israel, Madagascar, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Zambia and Australia.

The representative of Malta informed the Committee that her delegation was aligning its position with the statement made by Ireland, on behalf of the European Union.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(b) *Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(c) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, Barbados (on behalf of CARICOM), Brazil, Venezuela, Norway, Canada, Estonia and Bahrain.

The representative of Malta made a statement.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

Human rights questions: Implementation of human rights instruments [110 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of sub-item 110(a).

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.34

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced the draft resolution.

It was announced that Argentina, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Italy, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania and Sweden had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Draft resolution A/C.3/51/L.35

The representative of Poland, on behalf of the sponsors, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that Argentina, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Hungary, Italy, Malta, Panama, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

44th meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) *Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms*

(b) *Human rights situations and report of special rapporteurs and representatives*

(c) *Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action*

(e) *Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights*

The Committee continued its general discussion of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Turkey, Haiti, Malaysia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Right of reply

Statements were made by Israel, Niger, China, Sudan, Rwanda, Equatorial Guinea, Iraq, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Indonesia, Turkey and Nigeria.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 30th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [111]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, China and Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada).

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item and heard a statement by the Chief of the Contributions Service.

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [141]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada (on behalf of Australia, new Zealand and Canada), Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Cuba and Uganda.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement in connection with agenda items 120 and 121.

Statements were also made by representatives of Uganda and the Russian Federation.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 43rd meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [145]

Statements were made by the representatives of Romania, the Sudan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ghana, Australia, Mongolia and Bolivia (on behalf of the Group of Rio).

The Chairman also spoke.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 178th meeting

Draft Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (documents A/AC.154/ 1996/CRP.1 and CRP.2)

The Chairman spoke.

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the United States, Spain, China, France, the United Kingdom and Côte d'Ivoire.

The observer of Cuba also made a statement.

The Chairman spoke.

The Committee adopted Sections I-IV of its report, except for paragraph 67 (d).

Responsibilities of permanent missions to the United Nations and their personnel, in particular the problem of claims of financial indebtedness and procedures to be followed with a view to resolving the issues relating thereto

The Chairman of the Working Group on Indebtedness made a statement.

The Chairman spoke.

Other matters

The Chairman spoke.

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International Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Seventeenth session
United Nations Office of Geneva

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1996

274th and 275th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 f the Convention [4]

The Committee continued the consideration of the item and considered the second periodic report of Uruguay (CAT/C/17/Add.16). In accordance with rule 66 of the Rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report submitted by their Government and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee adopted various decisions relating to this item in closed session.

Submission of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Fifteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1996

29th and 30th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties in accordance with article 16 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of the Dominican Republic (E/1990/6/Add.7). In accordance with rule 62 of the Rules of procedure, a representative of the State party was present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Relations with United Nations organs and other treaty bodies [7]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, adopted on 4 August 1995 by the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Signature: Japan (19 November 1996)

Agreement establishing the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development, concluded at Kuala Lumpur on 12 August 1977

Accession: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (18 November 1996)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps, souvenir card and annual collection folders

Today, 20 November 1996, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue a set of six commemorative stamps and a souvenir card to commemorate the "50th Anniversary of UNICEF". The denominations will be 32 cents, 60 cents, F.s. 0,70, F.s. 1,80, S 5.50 and S 8. Details about the new stamps will be available in an information circular.

The 1996 New York, Geneva and Vienna Annual Collection Folders will be released also on 20 November.

The new stamps, first day covers, souvenir card, annual collection folders and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of Delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today*, 20 November 1996, from 9 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., however, there will be no hand cancellations at this location.

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Presentation of a gift

A gift from the Government and People of Italy will be presented to the United Nations by His Excellency Mr. Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy on Thursday, 21 November 1996, at 12.30 p.m. The presentation of the gift, a sculpture entitled "Sphere within a Sphere" by Italian artist Arnaldo Pomodoro, will take place on the terrace north of the Visitors' Entrance to the General Assembly Building. The Secretary-General will receive the gift on behalf of the United Nations.

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